GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
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DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN NORTH-EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special provision has been made for developing Road and Railways in the North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Paper and Pulp Industry in Nagaland will be revived soon by the North-Eastern development Fund;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER, DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. C.P.THAKUR)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways for development of National Highways and Ministry of Railways for development of Railways are required to earmark at least 10% of their Plan allocation for the North Eastern Regions.Likewise all the other Central Government Ministries/Departments (except those specifically exempted) are to earmark at least 10% of their Central Plan allocation for developmental programmes in North East. The unspent balance of the earmarked funds is pooled in to the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR).The broad objective of the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources scheme is to ensure the speedy development of infrastructure in the Region including roads and railways. In addition, North Eastern Council also provides funds inter alia for road development in North Eastern Region.

(c), (d) & (e): The only Central Government Paper & Pulp Industry in the State of Nagaland is Nagaland Pulp & Paper Company Limited, a subsidiary of Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd., under the administrative control of Department of Heavy Industries.Its operations are suspended since October, 1992. Board for Industrial & Financial Restructuring (BIFR) has issued its winding up order on 4th March, 2002. Government of Nagaland and Nagaland Pulp & Paper Company Limited have filed an appeal before Appellate Authority on Industrial & Financial Restructuring (AAIFR) against the order of BIFR.In it's hearing on 14.11.2002, AAIFR granted an extension of three months time and has fixed the next date of hearing on 28.02.2003. The case was adjourned on this date.